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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 3770

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM CALCUTTA MARCH 12, 1976  
REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE

CALCUTTA 0633

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PORS

SUBJ: OEXALITE JAIL BREAK

1. AT SOCIAL EVENT LAST EVENING, WEST BENGAL POLICE IG RANJIT GUPTA TOLD ME AND SMALL GROUP OF LOCAL BUSINESS EXECUTIVES THAT 37 NAXALITES WHO ESCAPED FROM PRESIDENCY JAIL ON FEBRUARY 24 REMAIN AT LARGE AND FIVE HAVE BEEN RECAPTURED. GUPTA SAID THE 37 ARE ALL VERY DANGEROUS PEOPLE; SEVEN OF THEM KEPT FOUR DISTRICTS IN WEST BENGAL IN TURMOIL FOR TWO YEARS, AND THEIR CAPTURE COST THE LIVES OF 34 POLICE OFFICERS.

2. GUPTA SAID RECAPTURE OF THE ESCAPEES WOULD BE A SLOW AND PAINFUL PROCESS. HIS GUESS WAS THAT THE ESCAPEES WERE HIDING IN CALCUTTA RATHER THAN IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, FOR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE THEY WOULD BE SPOTTED QUICKLY. GUPTA SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO INSTANCES OF NAXALITE ACTIVITY SINCE THE FEBRUARY 24 JAILBBREAK.

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3. COMMENT: IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE POLICE IS MAKING

LITTLE PROGRESS IN RECAPTURING THE ESCAPEES, FOR THE FIGURE  
OF FIVE RETAKEN WAS REPORTED SHORTLY AFTER THE JAILBREAK.  
GUPTA APPEARED CONCERNED WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT THIS SUBJECT,  
BUT OTHERWISE HE WAS HIS USUAL SMOOTH AND CONTROLLED SELF.  
HE HAS NOT ALLOWED THE JAILBREAK TO AFFECT HIS SOCIAL OR  
ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES (THE CONTINUES TO DELIVER HIS LECTURES  
ON ANTHROPOLOGY) AND IS EITHER UNAWARE OF OR UNCONCERNED  
OVER SPECULATION GOING AROUND THAT HE IS LIKELY TO BE THE  
PRIME TARGET OF THE ESCAPED NAXALITES IF THEY RESUME  
TERRORIST ACTIVITY. SIGNED KORN  
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